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US Environmental Protection Agency

Washington, DC 20460

RE: TSCA Section 8(e) Notice

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Dear Sir or Madam:

This notice is being submitted by Rhône-Poulenc Ag Company (RPAC) to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in accordance with the provisions of Section 8(e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), 15 USC § 2607 (e).

We are submitting results on a variety of compounds from the same chemical family that are being screened for research and development purposes. Only limited quantities of these compounds have been synthesized.

RPAC claims the alpha-numeric designations and the specific chemical identities of the substances at issue to be confidential business information (CBI). The chemical substances may be nonconfidentially identified as a "heterocycles".

Groups of five male mice were administered a test substance suspended in corn oil as follows:

- 10 mg/kg/day on Days 1 to 4
- 20 mg/kg/day on Days 5 to 8
- 40 mg/kg/day on Days 9 to 12

Surviving animals were sacrificed three days after the last dose administered on Day 12. Information on the following compounds is being submitted based on the observation of clinical signs on several occasions in several animals. Most animals died within a few days of exhibiting clinical signs. However, in a few instances, animals displaying clinical signs survived until study termination.

All mice died. Increased motor activity, excessive jumps, and irritability to touch were observed in 4 of 5 mice. These signs occurred within approximately 24 hours of death in 3 of the animals and within 48 hours of death in one animal that also exhibited convulsions within 24 hours of death.



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One of five mice died during the study. The mouse that died exhibited prostration and dyspnea on the day of death. No other clinical signs were noted during the study. Absolute liver weight at study termination was 140% above control.
All mice died. Clinical signs were noted for four mice and included increased motor activity within 48 hours of death and irritability to touch and excessive jumps within 24 hours of death in one mouse, increased motor activity in three other mice within approximately 24 hours of death, and convulsions in one mouse on the day of death.
Three of five mice died. Increased motor activity, excessive jumps, prostration, and irritability to touch were observed the two mice that survived to study termination. One of these mice also exhibited convulsions on the day prior to study termination.
All mice survived to study termination and no clinical signs were observed. Absolute liver weight at study termination was 129% above control.
All mice died. Increased motor activity was observed within 24 to 48 hours of death in four mice. Two of these mice also exhibited excessive jumps within 24 hours of death, and a third mouse exhibited prostration, hunched posture, piloerection, and irritability to touch within 24 hours of death.
Two of five mice died. The mouse found dead on Day 7 exhibited reduced motor activity on Day 7. The other mouse was found dead on Day 8 but did not exhibited any clinical signs. One mouse surviving to study termination exhibited tremors, hunched posture, staggering step, reduced motor activity, and piloerection on Day 14, the day prior to study termination. Absolute liver weight for mice surviving to study termination was 158% above control.
One of five mice died. This mouse was sacrificed moribund on Day 14 and exhibited increased motor activity and excessive jumps on Day 12, piloerection on Days 12 through 14, irritability to touch, prostration, and palpebral ptosis on Days 13 and 14, and hunched posture on Day 13. The four surviving mice exhibited increased motor activity on Days 12 and 13.
All mice died. One mouse exhibited reduced motor activity on Days 10 through 12, irritability to touch on Days 10 and 11, hunched posture on Day 11, prostration and tremors on Day 12, and loss of righting reflex on Day 13 and was found dead on Day 13. Another mouse exhibited reduced motor activity, hunched posture, and tremors on Day 11 and 12 and was found dead on Day 13.
Two of five mice died. One mouse that was found dead on Day 12 exhibited piloerection on Day 4 only. Another mouse that survived to study termination

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SUPPORT INFORMATION OF CONFIDENTIALITY CLAIMS

- 1. Claims of confidentiality are being made on behalf of RPAC.
- 2. RPAC asserts this claim of confidentiality until such time as a specific chemical is approved for use in the United States. In the event that the chemicals are never approved, RPAC asserts that the CBI information should be provided permanent protection. The structures and use of the chemicals are unique. Disclosure of this information would provide our competitors with information on facets of our business that would be detrimental to our competitive position.
- 3. The information claimed as confidential has not been previously disclosed to any other governmental agency or to EPA.
- 4. This information has been disclosed to only a very limited number of investigators outside of RPAC who have performed either toxicity or efficacy testing. These individuals operate under a strict secrecy agreement. Any individuals who may work with the chemicals will have all health/toxicology information disclosed to them as well, but only on the basis of strict secrecy and respect for the CBI nature of the information.
- 5. Any individuals to whom the CBI is revealed are warned of the nature of the information. Further, they are informed of their obligations to maintain secrecy should they terminate their employment with RPAC.
- 6. None of the information claimed as confidential appears in or is referred to in any advertising or promotional materials for the chemical or the end product containing it, professional or trade publications, or any other media available to the public or to our competitors. Appropriate warnings do appear on safety data sheets, as RPAC considers that individuals who are requested to work with the chemicals have every right to know as much about the chemicals' toxicity as possible. Further, the information is only considered to be CBI with respect to the general public, insofar as our competitors could use the information in an unfairly competitive nature.
- 7. No previous confidentiality determinations have been made by EPA, other Federal agencies or courts in connection with this information.
- 8. RPAC believes that disclosure of this information to the general public would be likely to result in substantial harm to its competitive position. Disclosure of the alpha numeric designations and chemical names would provide some competitors with information about the specific chemistry of this area of our research and our business. Further, the type of toxicological testing being reported in the TSCA 8(e) notice would provide competitive

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information about this chemical's status in the research and development process and, therefore, the time remaining until commercialization.

- 9. A patent has not been issued for the specific chemical structures. However, the generic chemical structures are covered by a patent that is currently pending.
- 10. The chemicals are not available commercially. They are in the earliest stages of research and development for pesticide use and are unlikely to be developed into commercial products.
- 11. We believe that disclosure of the chemical names would allow a competitor to synthesize these chemicals. RPAC has invested a large amount of time and money into research of this particular chemical family, and information on specific chemical structures would harm our competitive position.
- 12. Disclosure of the chemical structures might reveal information on processes used to synthesize these compounds.
- 13. CAS numbers for these chemicals have not yet been assigned.
- 14. Currently, the chemicals are not the subject of FIFRA regulation or reporting.

Further questions regarding this submission may be directed to the undersigned at 919-549-2222.

Sincerely,

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EPA acknowledges the receipt of information submitted by your organization under Section (e) of the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). For your reference, copies of the first page(s) of your submission(s) are enclosed and display the TSCA §8(e) Document Control Number (e.g., 8EHQ-00-0000) assigned by EPA to your submission(s). Please cite the assigned 8(e) number when submitting follow-up or supplemental information and refer to the reverse side of this page for "EPA Information Requests".

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Please address any further correspondence with the Agency related to this TSCA 8(e) submission to:

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EPA looks forward to continued cooperation with your organization in its ongoing efforts to evaluate and manage potential risks posed by chemicals to health and the environment.

Sincerely,

Terry R. O'Bryan

Risk Analysis Branch

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